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His Majeſties Letter to both Houſes of Parliament.

HIS Majeſty perceiving the manifold diſtractions which now are in this Kingdome, which cannot but bring great inconvenience, and miſchief to this whole Government; In which, as his Majeſty is moſt chiefly intereſſed, ſo he holds himſelfe by many reaſons, moſt obliged to doe what in him lies for the preventing thereof; Though he might juſtly expect (as moſt proper for the duty of Subjects) that propoſitions for the remedies of theſe evills ought rather to come to him, then from him; yet his fatherly care of all his people being ſuch, that he will rather lay by any particular reſpect of his owne dignity, then that any time ſhould be loſt for prevention of theſe threatning evills, which cannot admit the delayes of the ordinary proceedings in Parliament, doth think fit to make theſe enſuing propoſitions to both Houſes of Parliament.

That they will with all ſpeed fall into ſerious conſideration of all thoſe particulars, which they ſhall hold neceſſary, as well for the upholding and maintaining of his Majeſties juſt and Regall Authority, and for the ſettling of his Revenue: As for the preſent and future eſtabliſhing of their priviledges, the free and quiet enjoying of their Eſtates and Fortunes, the liberties of their Perſons, the ſecurity of the true Religion now profeſſed in the Church of England, and the ſetling of Ceremonies in ſuch a manner, as may take away all juſt offence; Which when they ſhall have digeſted, and compoſed into one entire body, that ſo his Majeſty and themſelves may be able to make the more cleare judgement of them: It ſhall then appeare by what his Majeſty ſhall doe, how farre he hath beene from intending or deſigning any of thoſe things, which the too great feares and jealouſies of ſome perſons ſeeme to apprehend: And how ready he will be to equall and exceed the greateſt examples of the moſt indulgent Princes in their acts of Grace and Favour to their people.

So that if all theſe preſent diſtractions (which ſo apparantly threaten the ruine of this Kingdome) doe not (by the bleſsing of Almighty God) end in an happy and bleſſed Accommodation; His Majeſty will then be ready to call Heaven and Earth, God and Man to witneſſe, that it hath not failed on his part.

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